



Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144
“Today’s Students... Tomorrow’s Leaders”

Invitation to Apply for Superintendent of Schools

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144
Markham, IL

The Next Leader

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 seeks a leader who is dynamic, inspirational and embraces the mission of the district to “produce lifelong learners who are college bound, career ready and are able to compete in a global society.” The ideal candidate will have an accomplished record as a leader; a thorough understanding of teaching and learning; a passion for promoting diversity, equity and inclusion throughout all aspects of the school community; outstanding communication skills; and a proven propensity for collaboration.

The District

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 is a diverse, multi-cultural school district located in the south suburbs of Chicago, approximately 25 miles from downtown. The district serves areas of the four neighboring communities of Markham, Hazel Crest, Oak Forest and Country Club Hills. Approximately 2,600 students attend the eight schools in the district, which include 6 elementary (Pre-K-5), 1 middle school (6-8) and a combined school for the STEAM Academy/Primary Learning Center. The demographics of the district include 80% African-American, 16% Hispanic, 4% Caucasian/other. 95% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

The district is committed to providing a comprehensive learning experience for all students celebrating how each student contributes to a diverse learning environment. On the current student achievement report card for Illinois, 3 District 144 schools are designated “Commendable” and 4 are rated “Comprehensive.” The continuous focus on improving student achievement is balanced with an equal emphasis on social-emotional growth and development. It is also important to note that the district takes pride in its buildings and proactively and impressively maintains them. Through careful stewardship, the district also rests on solid financial footing. A dedicated and committed school board, along with active, caring parents lead to an effective collaborative, child-centered culture within the district.

The Communities

The communities of Markham, Hazel Crest, Oak Forest and Country Club Hills are conveniently located within the south suburbs of Chicago. Easy expressway access makes commuting to or from the city convenient for the residents. All four communities offer a wide variety of Park District activities, a public library, diverse housing options, various businesses and a number of restaurants. Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 serves as the unifying hub for all four communities, affording the district a unique and critical role in the south suburbs.

To Apply

To complete an online application, electronically submit a resume, letter of interest, three up-to-date letters of reference, proof of appropriate licensure and copies of transcripts to www.bwpassociates.com. **The application deadline is March 8, 2024.**

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